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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO USSR ON BONN SUMMIT ANTI-HIJACKING
DECLARATION

REF: (A) STATE 213590 (B) STATE 212172

1. AT AUGUST 23 MEETING IN GERMAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW
OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN BONN-SUMMIT COUNTRIE
IT WAS AGREED THAT GERMAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES (BERENDONCK)
SHOULD ASK EXPEDITIOUS MEETING WITH A SOVIET DEPUTY
FOREIGN MINISTER TO PRESENT BONN ANTI-HIJACKING
DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF ALL SEVEN CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS
IT WAS AGREED THAT SOVIETS MIGHT SEEK TO HAVE APPROACH
MADE TO KHLESTOV, CHIEF OF MFA TREATY AND LEGAL
DEPARTMENT, AND THAT SUCH A LEVEL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE
IF A DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NOT AVAILABLE. (BRITISH
CHARGE HAD ASKED THAT APPROACH BE PEGGED AT KHLESTOV,
RATHER THAN DEPUTY MINISTER, LEVEL.)

2. IT WAS AGREED FURTHER THAT ONCE BERENDONCK HAD MADE
HIS DEMARCHE, OTHER SIX EMBASSIES WERE FREE TO FOLLOW
UP HIS APPROACH TO UNDERSCORE CONCERN. (IN VIEW OF
DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT US FIND APPROPRIATE WAY TO
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MAKE KNOWN DIRECTLY OUR CONCERNS, WHICH WE EXPLAINED
TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER SIX, WE PLAN TO HAVE
EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR FOLLOW UP WITH USA DEPARTMENT
OF MFA.)

3. AFTER PRESENTING TEXT TO MFA, BERENDONCK, IF RECEPTION IS POSITIVE, WILL SOLICIT WRITTEN OR ORAL SOVIET

RESPONSE AND ASK THAT SOVIETS MAKE THEIR STATEMENT PUBLIC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S WISHES, IT WAS AGREED THAT BERENDONCK WOULD NOT RAISE DISCRETIONARY PARTICIPATION IN ENFORCEMENT MEASURES UNLESS IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY THE SOVIET SIDE. HE ALSO WILL REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSION OF DETAILS OF POSSIBLE SOVIET PARTICIPATION AND WILL ACCEPT ANY QUESTIONS FOR REFERRAL TO EXPERTS IN CAPITALS.

4. BERENDONCK MENTIONED THAT ON A PREVIOUS OCCASION WHEN HE HAD DISCUSSED A HIJACKING MEASURE WITH KHLESTOV, THE LATTER HAD COMPLAINED AT LENGTH ABOUT THE BRAZINSKAS CASE. BERENDONCK SAID HE TURNED THE QUESTION ASIDE BY SAYING IT WAS NOT A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE FRG. SINCE HE WILL ALSO BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF USG ON THIS OCCASION, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THIS CASE FOR THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE SOVIETS RAISE IT DURING THE DEMARCHE ON THE BONN DECLARATION. US REPRESENTATIVE (E/C COUNSELOR) REVIEWED CASE, DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE ON STATE 213590 AND EMPHASIZING THAT (A) BRAZINSKAS HAD BEEN PROSECUTED, CONVICTED AND JAILED BY TURKISH COURT FOR CRIME OF HIJACKING; (B) ILLEGAL ENTRY OF BRAZINSKAS INTO USA IS ONLY VIOLATION OF US LAW FOR WHICH THEY WOULD LIABLE FOR PROSECUTION.

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5. GERMANS WILL INFORM US AS SOON AS DEMARCHE HAS BEEN MADE. TOON

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